

# ***Oregon's Juvenile Justice System***

What Every County  
Commissioner Should Know

## ***ORS 419C.001 Purposes of Juvenile Justice System***

In delinquency cases, the purposes of the Oregon juvenile justice system from apprehension forward are:

- to protect the public and reduce juvenile delinquency; and
- to provide fair and impartial procedures for the initiation, adjudication and disposition of allegations of delinquent conduct.

The system is founded on the principles of personal responsibility, accountability and reformation within the context of public safety and restitution to the victims and to the community.

The system shall provide a continuum of services that emphasize prevention of further criminal activity by the use of early and certain sanctions, reformation and rehabilitation programs and swift and decisive intervention in delinquent behavior.

## ***ORS 419A.050 Juvenile Detention***

- Any county may acquire in any lawful manner, equip and maintain within the county suitable facilities for the shelter or detention of children, wards, youths and youth offenders confined pursuant to a judicial commitment or order pending final adjudication of the case by the juvenile court
- The juvenile court of each county shall designate the place or places in which children, wards, youths or youth offenders are to be placed in detention or shelter care when taken into temporary custody
- Juvenile Detention facilities are subject to the standards and specifications found in ORS 169.740 and 419A.052
- Juvenile offenders may not be housed within sight and sound of adults who may be detained in the same facility

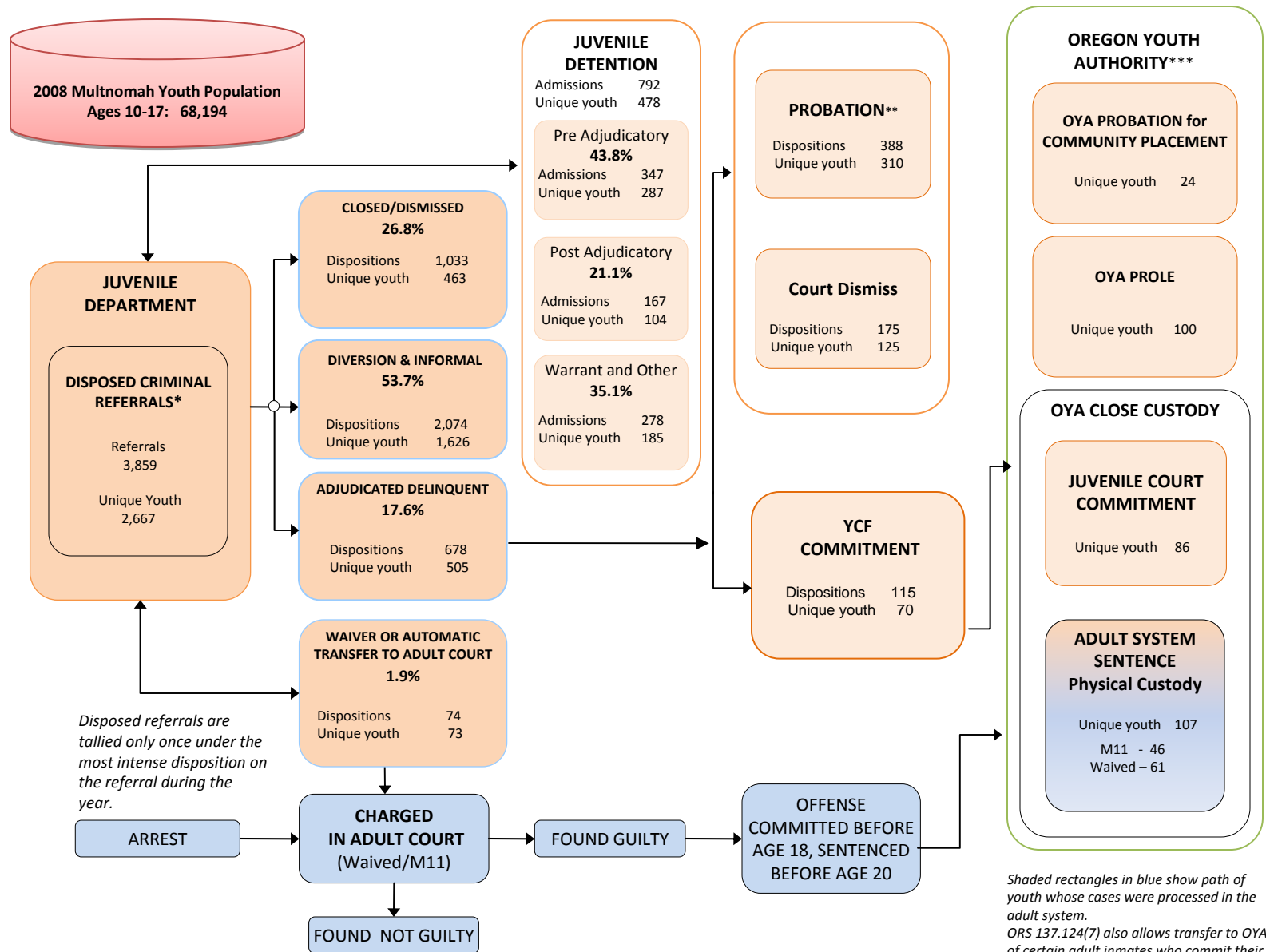
## ***State Funding Streams***

- **OYA Diversion** - Funds services aimed at diverting higher risk youth from commitment to state youth correctional facilities.
- **Juvenile Crime Prevention-Basic Services** – Funds help counties prevent juvenile recidivism by providing probation supervision, treatment, detention, shelter, and graduated sanctions, etc.
- **Juvenile Crime Prevention** – Funds are targeted toward intervening with youth exhibiting one or more identified delinquency risk factors – without intervention this would lead to imminent or increased involvement in the juvenile justice system.
- **Multnomah Youth Gang Intervention** – Funds are only allocated to Multnomah County and in DCJ go toward provision of probation supervision and contracted services through culturally specific providers. A portion of the funding is earmarked for the East Multnomah Gang Enforcement Team (EMGET) a multi-jurisdiction effort aimed at gang suppression.

## ***SB 267 – Evidence Based Practice***

- ORS 185.515-525 – Mandates that certain state-funded programs use treatment practices shown by research to reduce the risk of recidivism (commission of a new crime)
- Agencies (including juvenile departments) are required to demonstrate that 75% of state funds received are spent on evidence-based practices, as of 2009-11
- State funds allocated to Multnomah County are directed to services shown to reduce the risk of recidivism – 80% fund evidence-based treatment and culturally specific services

# Multnomah County CY 2009 Disposed Referrals (Criminal Referrals Only)



\* Criminal = Felony & Misdemeanor. Disposed Referrals may have been received prior to the beginning of the year.

\*\* Include a few probation dispositions assigned to DHS or OYA

\*\*\* Based on the snapshot data reported by OYA in December 2009, a good estimate of average daily population.